

§ 143B-928. Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch to remain separate and discrete component of the State Bureau of Investigation; retention of funds; youth access to tobacco products.

(a) Notwithstanding any overlap between the duties and jurisdiction of the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch and the remainder of the State Bureau of Investigation, the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch is a separate and discrete branch of the State Bureau of Investigation and alcohol law enforcement officers are separate and discrete from other sworn law enforcement officers of the Bureau. No funds or positions shall be transferred from budget code 14550, fund code 1401, to any other fund code or budget code except by act of the General Assembly.

(b) Where the General Statutes confer narrower authority on the State Bureau of Investigation than on the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch, the narrower authority shall not be construed to limit the authority of the Alcohol Law Enforcement Division.

(c) Any funds or property distributed to the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch as a result of any federal forfeiture proceeding shall only be expended for purposes related to the Alcohol Law Enforcement Branch.

(d) The Alcohol Law Enforcement branch has jurisdiction and primary responsibility to enforce G.S. 14-313 regarding youth access to tobacco products. (2014-100, s. 17.1(vvv); 2017-57, s. 16B.11; 2018-5, s. 16B.3(a).)